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Title: Surgical perforation device and method with pressure monitoring and staining abilities

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Examiner: Vrettakos, Peter J

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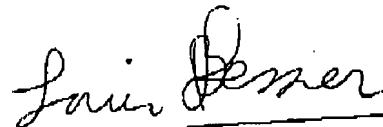
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Respectfully submitted,



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